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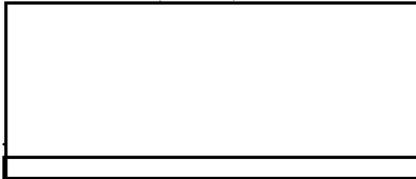
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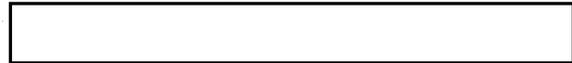
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Soviet Transport Movements

1. Soviet transport movements to the west are difficult to assess because they are camouflaged and move at night, by secondary railroads and short haul. Transports may be sent on main lines from north to south, as a deceptive measure, but they reach their actual destinations by secondary and side lines. The following movements have been noted:
  - (a) 1 and 2 Sep 47 - Large convoys of Soviet infantry and armored cars were seen on the Wroclaw-Lignica-Berlin Autobahn. The units came to the road from all directions. A line of armored cars and trucks eight kilometers long was seen.
  - (b) 27 Oct 47 - Two transports of 79 Soviet MN-T31 tanks each passed through Warsaw.
  - (c) 30 Oct 47 - A motorized artillery column of 120 field guns moved west between Wroclaw and Lignica.
  - (d) 30 Oct - 6 Nov 47 - Large aircraft formations flew southwest over Wroclaw.
  - (e) Mid Oct 47 - Wroclaw-Poznan railroad. Four trains were seen on the siding with Soviet troops, guns, armored cars and trucks.
  - (f) 25 - 30 Oct 47 - Piotrkow-Warsaw line. Train loads of military equipment and new automobiles were seen.

Communications Lines

2. The Soviet Signal Corps has been constructing telephone lines as follows:
  - (a) Line connecting Swiecie communications center with the Soviet Army headquarters at Malborg and Fiblag completed;
  - (b) Swiecie-Grudziac-Laba-Olsztyn-Lizberk-Harninski-Krolewiec line completed;
  - (c) Swiecie-Pila-Stargard-Saczecin line completed;

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- (d) Swiecie-Warsaw line newly completed;
  - (e) A line from Ulyastok to Grajewo and Grodno being laid;
  - (f) Lines being constructed in Piotrkow;
  - (g) Berlin-Warsaw section of a Berlin-Moscow line completed. When completed this will add four lines to the present Berlin-Moscow line.
3. Since 1 Jul 47, by order of the Soviet Commander of Communications in Swiecie, systematic tapping of wires in Pomorz and Gdansk is carried on, with special signal corps personnel assigned to the task. Many points, particularly in the Gdansk region, consequently, are out of order.
  4. Since 15 Sep 47, by order of Soviet Military authorities, the Polish railroad services have been building 10 new tracks at the Warsaw-Praga station and four new ones at the Warsaw-Brochow station.

#### Soviet Army Morale and Behavior

5. Propaganda designed to popularize war against the English and Americans is intense among Soviet troops. They are constantly told of the excellent quality of new Soviet weapons. Soldiers and officers speak of war as coming soon. One Soviet Major said, "War between the USSR and America is unavoidable; this is certain. We will have trouble with you Poles, but we will be ruthless and will shoot you like dogs, we will settle this matter very quickly. People from the east, who feel they are Ukrainians, we will treat with more leniency." In the Soviet Zone of Germany bunkers and fortifications are being rehabilitated.
6. Soviet troops in Poland are under stiff discipline and their behavior has improved, but an anti-Polish feeling is evident. Soviet troops seize no opportunity to loot a Pole but no action is ever taken against them for this looting; they claim seizure is legal because "all is Soviet property, right up to the German frontier."
7. In mid-October in Tarnow many Soviet soldiers deserted from a transport to the USSR. The NKVD is searching for them.
8. A large Soviet transport, stationed in an East Prussian harbor [unidentified], is being used as a floating prison for Soviet officer prisoners stationed in Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet zone of Germany. Every 14 days the ship arrives in the Gdansk waters for loading of prisoners. Nobody ever disembarks.

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